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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir/Madam:

This communication is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 16, 2008 (hereinafter "Final Office Action"). Applicant respectfully requests a notice of allowance in view of the amendments and remarks to follow.

Amendments of the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.